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Re: Request to Review Draft Permit

City of Dripping Springs

TPDES Permit No. WQ0014488003 (TX0136778)

Hays County, Texas

## Dear Mr. Allmon:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Protect Our Water, of September 21, 2016, requesting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review the above referenced draft permit. Since authorization of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permitting program, EPA's role has been one of oversight to verify that the TPDES permitting program is implemented in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and federal regulations. A key component of EPA's oversight of the TPDES program is our review of TPDES preliminary draft permits (consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EPA and TCEQ), to ensure that permit conditions are consistent with federal requirements.

The above referenced permit arrived in our office on September 6, 2016, and will be reviewed prior to our deadline of October 21, 2016. EPA will coordinate with TCEQ to address any significant concerns and to determine whether the permit conditions meet the requirements of the CWA.

Pursuant to your request, EPA will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your concerns. If you have questions, please contact Renea Ryland at (214) 665-2130 (email: ryland.renea@epa.gov) or Greg Valentine at (214) 665-3111 (email: valentine.greg@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Associate Director

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